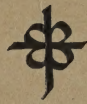


*Annual Report*  
*of*  
*Belknap County*



*For the Year Ending December 31, 1955*





ANNUAL REPORT  
*of the*  
COMMISSIONERS  
*of the*  
COUNTY OF BELKNAP  
*together with the*

Reports of the Superintendent of the County Home  
Sheriff, County Treasurer, Jailer, Chaplain  
Clerk of the Court, County Solicitor  
and Auditors

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**COUNTY OFFICERS****COMMISSIONERS**

JOSEPH F. SMITH	MEREDITH
WILLIAM I. STAFFORD	LACONIA
MAURICE W. SAWYER	GILFORD

**SOLICITOR**

THOMAS P. CHENEY	LACONIA
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**TREASURER**

BYRON O. PARKER	LACONIA
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**SHERIFF**

HOMER L. CROCKETT	BELMONT
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**CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT**

HARRY E. TRAPP	LACONIA
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**JUDGE OF PROBATE**

CARROLL W. STAFFORD	LACONIA
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**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

RICHARD G. TILTON	LACONIA
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**DEPUTY REGISTER OF PROBATE**

DOROTHEA R. CONLY	LACONIA
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**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

CHARLES P. RAYMOND	LACONIA
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**DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS**

DOROTHEA E. HILLIARD	LACONIA
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**AUDITORS**

DANA S. BEANE	LACONIA
J. CLINTON ROPER	MEREDITH

**DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

LOUIS ATHANAS	LACONIA
CHESTER C. BICKFORD	MEREDITH
RODNEY S. CROCKETT	BELMONT
GEORGE H. GAULT	TILTON
FREDERICK W. PERKINS	ALTON
WILLIAM WALLACE	NEW HAMPTON
SYLVIO J. MORIN	GILFORD

**SUPERINTENDENT OF COUNTY HOME  
AND JAILER**

JOHN A. PICKARD	TILTON
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**MATRON**

MRS. INA A. PICKARD	TILTON
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**CHAPLAIN**

REV. THOMAS J. CATE	LACONIA
REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON	LACONIA

**MEDICAL REFEREE**

EARL W. GAGE, M.D.	LACONIA
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## Members of the Belknap County Delegation

1955

ALTON	Richard H. Skinner
BARNSTEAD	Arthur H. McAllister
BELMONT	Joseph L. Boutin (Died May 12, 1955)
GILFORD	Edith B. Gardner
GILMANTON	William T. Robertson
LACONIA:	
Ward 1	Myron B. Hart James P. Rogers
Ward 2	Aime H. Morin Alfred W. Simoneau
Ward 3	Elmer S. Tilton
Ward 4	John Ballantine (Resigned) Peter S. Karagianis, Ch.
Ward 5	Henry I. Burbank Dave O'Shan
Ward 6	Jack B. Dana G. Walter Varrell
MEREDITH	Joseph F. Smith Ruth Miner
NEW HAMPTON	H. Thomas Urie
SANBORNTON	Marion H. Atwood, Clerk
TILTON	Warren F. Metcalf

## RECORDS OF COUNTY DELEGATION

CONCORD, N. H. — JANUARY 12, 1955

A meeting of the Belknap County delegation was called to order by Rep. Elmer H. Tilton at 10:15 in the Legislative Lounge.

Present were Representatives Skinner, McAllister, Boutin, Gardner, Miner, Urie, Atwood, Metcalf, Rogers, Hart, Simoneau, Tilton, Ballentine, Karagianis, Burbank, O'Shan, Dana and Varrell.

It was moved by Rep. Varrell and duly seconded that Mrs. Atwood cast one ballot for Peter Karagianis as Chairman of the Delegation. It was so voted. The ballot was cast and Rep. Karagianis declared elected. He responded with brief words of appreciation.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and duly seconded that Mrs. Atwood be elected Clerk of the Delegation. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf, and duly seconded, that the remuneration for the Clerk be the same as last year. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton, and duly seconded, that the Chairman appoint a five member Executive Committee. It was so voted.

It was moved by Rep. Skinner and duly seconded that the Chairman be authorized to appoint such sub-committees as he deems necessary to report to the Executive Committee. It was so voted.

It was voted to send flowers to Rep. Morin who is ill.

Upon motion of Rep. Dana, the meeting adjourned.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Secretary

Approved by

PETER S. KARAGIANIS,

Chairman

CONCORD, N. H. — FEBRUARY 3, 1955

The Delegation met in Section 4 following the legislative session, and were called to order by Chairman Karagianis. All were present except Rep. Robertson of Gilmanton and Rep. Urie of New Hampton.

Rep. O'Shan spoke of the desirability of raising the salary of the county treasurer. After some discussion, it was moved by Rep. Rogers, and duly seconded, that the chairman appoint



three members to look into the situation and report back to the Delegation. It was so voted.

The County Commissioners have asked that the Chairman appoint a committee to look over needed repairs to the Court House. It was moved by Rep. Tilton, and duly seconded, that a committee be appointed for this purpose, and that they report their recommendations to a subsequent meeting. It was so voted.

The matter of holding a State or County Fair at the Belknap Area was discussed. It was moved by Rep. Miner, and duly seconded, that a committee be appointed to report on the feasibility of holding a Fair at the Area.

Pursuant to the votes of this, and the previous meeting, the Chairman appointed committees as follows:

**Executive Committee**

Representatives, Metcalf, Ballentine, Tilton, Simoneau, and Gardner.

**Area**

Representatives Rogers, Hart, Urie, McAllister, Dana, Skinner and Miner.

**County Home**

Representatives Burbank, Robertson, Boutin, Varrell, O'Shan and Morin.

**Salary of Treasurer**

Representatives O'Shan, Skinner and Morin.

**Court House**

Representatives Varrell, Robertson and Simoneau.

**State Fair**

Representatives Dana, Gardner, Urie, McAllister and Boutin.

On motion of Rep. Tilton, the meeting adjourned.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by

PETER S. KARAGIANIS,

Chairman

**CONCORD, N. H. — FEBRUARY 25, 1955**

The Belknap Delegation met in Room 306, State House and was called to order by Chairman Karagianis at 1:30 P.M. Present were all members except Reps. Smith of Meredith and Urie of New Hampton.

A letter was read from Atty. Robert V. Johnson of Laconia, President of the Belknap County Bar Association, asking that the Delegation cooperate with the County Commissioners in making arrangements for the indexing of records in the Register of Deeds office. It was moved by Rep. Tilton and duly seconded, that such a committee be appointed. It was so voted and the chairman appointed Reps. Miner, Robertson and McAllister.

The Chairman announced that the Budget hearing would be at the Court House in Laconia on Monday, March 7 at 8:00 P.M.

Rep. O'Shan reported for his committee on the pay raise for the County Treasurer. He also presented a proposed bill to be introduced through the Rules Committee, which included raises for all the County officers. After some discussion it was moved by Rep. Rogers and duly seconded that the matter be laid on the table and that a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman, with the approval of the Delegation, to review the salary scale and report back to the delegation within one year.

Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Rep. Skinner that the previous motion be amended by striking out the words "within one year" and inserting in place, by May 1, 1955.

Discussion on the amendment.

A roll call was requested by Rep. Metcalf.

Voting "Yes" were Reps. Skinner, McAllister, Boutin, Gardner, Robertson, Rogers, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Ballentine, Karagianis, O'Shan, Burbank, Dana, Varrell and Miner.

Voting "No" were Reps. Metcalf and Atwood and the amendment was adopted.

The motion of Rep. Rogers, as amended, was then voted upon and carried.

The committee nominated and elected by the delegation consisted of Reps. Rogers, Tilton and Robertson.

Report of the County Home committee was read by Rep. Robertson.

Moved by Rep. O'Shan and duly seconded that the report be accepted. It was so voted.

Report of the Court House committee was read by Rep. Robertson. It was moved by Rep. Dana and duly seconded, that the report be accepted.

It was so voted.

Report of Belknap Area Committee was distributed by Rep. Rogers.

It was moved by Rep. Atwood and duly seconded that the report be accepted. It was so voted.

Report of Fair Committee read by Rep. Dana.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan and duly seconded that the report be accepted. It was so voted.

Upon motion of Rep. Tilton the meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

Approved by  
PETER S. KARAGIANIS,  
Chairman

#### LACONIA, N. H. — MARCH 7, 1955

The annual Budget Hearing was called to order by Chr. Karagianis at 8:10, in the County Court House. Present were Representatives Skinner, Boutin, Gardner, Robertson, Hart, Morin, Simoneau, Tilton, Ballentine, Karagianis, Burbank, O'Shan, Dana, Varrell, Smith, Metcalf and Atwood.

Chairman Karagianis read the budget.

Atty. Chandler spoke in favor of the Law Library appropriation.

Atty. R. V. Johnson spoke of the Belknap Co. Bar Assn.'s recommendations concerning the ten year Index of the Register of Deeds to be made this year. He suggested additions to present procedures and described a new form of indexing which might be set up, involving extra initial expense but effecting a saving over a period of time. Com. Smith stated that they based their request for this year of \$5,000.00 for this item on the amount used in Strafford Co. (\$4,200.)

Under the appropriation for Extension Service, Com. Smith corrected this figure to read \$10,051.46. Co. Agent Ballard and Mr. Malcolm Harrington of the Farm Bureau Ex. Com. spoke in favor of this amount, stating that it covered nominal pay raises for Extension help.

Mr. Krauss of King's Grant Inn spoke in favor of an increase for the amount allotted to Advertising in the Area Budget. Mr. Baer explained the amounts spent for advertising and stated he



could easily use more than the \$5,000 allotted him, but he had secured much free advertising by special events, etc.

Rep. Dana spoke on the subject of a proposed State Fair at the Area. He stated it was too late to consider this in 1955 but some action might be taken in 1956. This would require some outlay of money by the county or interested parties therein.

Mr. Harrington, Mr. James Hughes and Mr. Norman Martin questioned the items in the farm and county home budget, being answered by the Commissioners. Rep. Robertson requested that future budgets include some figure showing the value of produce used at the Home.

Com. Stafford reported about the jail situation and stated that it would take \$1,500 to put the jail in good condition. As the inmates of the House of Correction are not confined, no particular safety measures could be taken concerning their quarters.

Mr. Martin of Meredith suggested that selectmen of the towns in the county be sent a copy of the County budget previous to the annual hearing in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

Approved by  
PETER KARAGIANIS,  
Chairman

#### LACONIA, N. H. — MARCH 18, 1955

The Executive Committee met at the Court House, called to order by Chairman Metcalf at 2:15. Present were Representatives Metcalf, Ballentine, Tilton, Simoneau, Gardner, Karagianis and Atwood. The three commissioners were present.

Chr. Karagianis asked that Atty. Johnson and Rep. Miner be heard on the subject of Indexing of Records.

Mr. Johnson reported in more detail on suggestions made at the Budget Hearing on March 7. Rep. Miner reported for her committee that Remington Rand would set up the proposed system at an initial cost of \$5,000, and would keep cases up to date for \$300 a year, the charge then for a ten year index would be \$2,400.

Co. Solicitor Cheney arrived and gave his ruling that the indexing could not be put out to bid, under his interpretation of the law.

Atty. Johnson stated that records in all counties are not uni-

form, there being no central supervision in the state over records of the Registers of Deeds and Probate.

The Committee returned to consideration of the budget, and on motion of Rep. Tilton, it was decided to recommend to the delegation \$2,000 for Officers' Expenses.

Com. Smith replied to questions on the County Farm and Home that "the books are set up exactly as the auditors asked to have them." Chr. Metcalf ruled that the remaining items in the budget would be recommended to the delegation if there was general agreement, without a formal vote. The remaining business was transacted in this manner.

Amounts to change in the budget as agreed upon were:

O.A.A.	\$10,000		
Soldiers Aid	9,000		(Infirmiry \$2,500
New Construction	6,600	County Home	(Institution 3,600
Extension Service	10,051.46		(Jail 500

Upon motion of Rep. Tilton, it was voted to go into executive session. Salaries of county officers were discussed. Decided to recommend to the delegation \$8,250 for salaries. No decision on Indexing was reached. Discussion of bookkeeping at Area and at the Farm ensued. It was decided to ask the Commissioners to adopt the procedures as suggested by the audit of 1954 by the Municipal Acct. Division of the State Tax Commission, in order that the delegation may more clearly understand the budget items.

Upon motion of Rep. Ballantine, it was voted to approve the budget as corrected, with exceptions as noted, and with the items as included in H.B. 495.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

#### LACONIA, N. H. — APRIL 7, 1955

A hearing on H.B. 495 was called to order by Chairman Karagianis at City Hall at 7 P.M. Present were Representatives Skinner, Ballentine, O'Shan, Varrell, Simoneau, Burbank, Tilton, Hart, Dana, Karagianis, Morin, Gardner, Rogers, McAllister and Atwood.

Upon motion of Rep. Dana, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the bill.

Treasurer Parker spoke, stating he had not asked for a raise in salary, but if he were to perform his duties according to the present law as he understands it, his present pay of \$200 would

be wholly inadequate. He felt that as the bonded officer he should properly sign all checks instead of the present procedure which has been in effect for many years, that is, the County Commissioners sign an order which is accepted in lieu of a check for payment of bills. His opinion was that he was not now complying with the law.

Co. Solicitor Cheney spoke in favor of the proposed raise for the Sheriff as Mr. Crockett was ill. He then spoke for the raise for his office. An allowance for clerical hire is part of the budget in other counties.

When asked if the present custom of paying bills was legal, he replied that it was so long as the co-called checks were considered as orders.

No commissioner appeared in favor of the bill.

The public hearing was adjourned at 8 P.M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

#### **CONCORD, N. H. — APRIL 14, 1955**

The delegation met at 10:00 A.M. in the gallery to discuss House Bill No. 475. Present were: Representatives Skinner, McAllister, Robertson, Smith, Urie, Metcalf, Atwood, Simoneau, O'Shan, Burbank, Karagianis, Varrell and Dana.

After discussion it was moved by Representative O'Shan and seconded by Representative Tilton that House Bill No. 475 be reported in as Ought to Pass. It was so voted unanimously.

It was moved by Representative Ballentine and duly seconded that further discussion of the expense account for the County Solicitor be postponed until action upon the budget. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

#### **ROOM 317, STATE HOUSE, CONCORD, N. H. — APRIL 20, 1955**

The Executive Committee met in Room 317. Present were Representatives Metcalf, Ballentine, Tilton, Simoneau and Atwood. Chairman Metcalf opened the meeting at 12:35.

He reported that the system of Accounts Receivable at the County Farm was set up and working and that Commissioner Strafford will see that improvements in business procedures at the Area will be carried out.



The budget figures were reviewed.

It was decided to leave \$5,000 in the item for indexing under Register of Deeds and so recommend to the delegation.

It was decided to recommend to the delegation that not more than \$300 be appropriated to study the question of holding a Fair at the Area.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

### LACONIA, N. H. — MAY 9, 1955

The delegation met in annual session at the County Home where Supt. and Mrs. Pickard and their staff served a delicious dinner to the members and guests. Present were all representatives except Mr. Boutin of Belmont and Mrs. Miner of Meredith.

After the dinner Chairman Karagianis thanked Mr. and Mrs. Pickard and their staff for the dinner and introduced the guests:

County Solicitor Cheney, Senator Keller, Rev. T. J. Cate, Rev. Father Vachon, Manager Fritzie Baer, Register of Deeds Raymond, Bookkeeper Aiken and Investigator Helen Hayner.

Mr. Anderson of the Union-Leader and Representative Ballentine of the Laconia Evening Citizen represented the press.

Chairman Karagianis thanked the sub-committees (see reports).

Upon motion of Representative Dana, it was voted to dispense with the reading of the Sub-committees' reports.

Representative Metcalf gave report and recommendations of the Executive Committee.

It was moved by Representative Rogers and duly seconded that \$10,000 be transferred from the Area operating balance to the Area Revolving Fund as soon as possible after July 1, 1955.

It was so voted unanimously.

It was moved by Representative Skinner and duly seconded that in the future the Belknap Area budget be corrected so that sub-titles "a" and "b" under Special Events be listed under "Administrative Expense" under sub-titles "Travel" and "Promotion." So voted.

Manager Baer answered questions concerning advertising of the Area.

It was moved by Representative Rogers and duly seconded by Representative Dana that the Area budget be adopted as amended. It was so voted.

It was moved by Representative Dana and duly seconded that the delegation go into Executive Session after the budget exclusive of county officers' salaries, had been accepted. It was so voted.

It was moved by Representative Dana and duly seconded that there be added to the budget under "Equipment" at the County Farm the sum of \$2,500 for a milk storage tank to be purchased at the discretion of the Commissioners and for no other purpose.

Upon request County Solicitor Cheney spoke on breaks by House of Correction inmates.

It was moved by Representative Urie and duly seconded that the delegation accept the Executive Committee recommendations of \$6,600 for new construction and equipment at County Farm, Hospital and Jail. It was so voted.

It was moved by Representative Urie and duly seconded that all items under the heading in question, except the Indexing amount, be adopted as recommended by the Executive Committee.

Register of Deeds Raymond spoke about the ten year index of deeds. It can not be put out for bids and should be done locally. 55,000 old index cards must be processed and he felt that Remington Rand Company could not index for \$5,000.

After discussion it was moved by Representative O'Shan and duly seconded, that \$5,000 be allowed in the budget for Index of Deeds. It was so voted. Senator Keller thanked the delegation and left. It was moved by Representative Metcalf and duly seconded that further consideration of a County Fair be indefinitely postponed.

It was subsequently moved by Representative O'Shan and duly seconded that this be laid on the table. It was so voted.

Voted to give Mr. and Mrs. Pickard a rising vote of thanks.

It was moved by Representative Skinner and duly seconded that all other items in the budget be accepted as recommended by the Executive Committee. It was so voted.

It was moved by Representative Skinner and duly seconded that a new heading be added "Office Expense of County Solicitor" and \$200.00 be appropriated for this item.

It was moved by Representative Skinner and duly seconded that the budget as amended by the meeting be accepted and adopted. Budget appended. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Approved by

Clerk

PETER S. KARAGIANIS,

Chairman

**CONCORD, N. H. — MAY 19, 1955**

The delegation met in Section 5 following the legislative session. Present were Representatives Karagianis, Gardner, Miner, Tilton, McAllister, Simoneau, Smith, Burbank, Dana, Morin, Metcalf, Varrell, Ballentine, Rogers, Hart, Skinner and Atwood.

It was moved by Rep. Metcalf and duly seconded that we reconsider the County Budget as approved at the last meeting. It was so voted.

The question of a two-way radio for the sheriff's department was discussed, but no action was taken.

A meeting for June 2 was proposed to consider the survey of new accounting procedures for the Area.

It was moved by Rep. Gardner, and duly seconded, that we adopt the 1955 Budget with no changes. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

**CONCORD, N. H. — JUNE 2, 1955**

The delegation met in Room 306 at 12:40. Present were Representatives Skinner, McAllister, Gardner, Varrell, Dana, Tilton, O'Shan, Simoneau, Morin, Burbank, Urie, Rogers, Karagianis and Atwood.

It was decided that not enough information was available to the members at present to take any action on a new accounting system for the Area.

It was moved by Rep. Dana, and duly seconded that a meeting be called for June 8. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55.

MARION H. ATWOOD,

Clerk

**CONCORD, N. H. — JUNE 8, 1955**

The delegation met in Room 306 at 10:00 A.M. Present were Representatives Karagianis, Atwood, Hart, Ballentine, Urie, Burbank, Smith, Varrell, Gardner, O'Shan, McAllister, Skinner and Robertson.

Present were Commissioners Smith and Stafford and Mr. McCauley a representative of the Burroughs Co.



Mr. McCauley explained the desirability of adopting a mechanical accounting system for the Area and the County. He answered questions from the members.

It was moved by Rep. Urie, and duly seconded that a sub-committee be appointed to study the plan and report to the delegation their recommendations. It was so voted.

Adjourned at 10:50.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

#### LACONIA, N. H. — JULY 25, 1955

The sub-committee appointed to study a new bookkeeping system for Belknap County met in the Commissioners' office at 3 P.M.

Present were Representatives James P. Rogers, Chairman: Robertson, Urie and Ruth Miner. Also present were Co. Com. Stafford, Area Manager Baer, and William McCauley, representative of the Burroughs Co.

Rep. Miner was appointed clerk.

Methods of cash control for the Area were discussed, taking into account the four different types of operations; The Gift Shop, Soda Fountain, Grill, and Ski Shop.

Controls for Accounts Payable, Payroll, Receivables, and other types of budgetary accounting were discussed. This would include a bookkeeping machine such as is now in operation at the Laconia City Hall.

Committee went into executive session at 4:40.

It was moved by Rep. Robertson, and seconded by Rep. Urie that, No equipment be purchased at the present time, and that the matter of Cash Control for Belknap Recreation Area be referred to the standing committee of the Area for further study. It was so voted unanimously.

The committee also recommended that no attempt be made to purchase an Accounting Machine for the County Commissioners Office this year, and that this committee consider the matter further before arriving at a final decision.

A meeting of the sub-committee was called for Monday, August 8 at 3 P.M. at the Co. Commissioners' Office.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

RUTH MINER,  
Clerk

**CONCORD, N. H. — AUGUST 5, 1955**

At a duly called meeting of the Belknap County Delegation which consists of Twenty members, fifteen of whom were present, the following action was taken:

"It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and seconded by Rep. Metcalf, that there be taken from the County's Capital Reserve Fund a sum not to exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for the purchase of and installation of a walk-in freezer at the County Home.

The roll was called, and the fifteen members of the delegation present having voted 'Yes,' the motion prevailed."

MARION H. ATWOOD,

A true copy attest:

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

**CONCORD, N. H. — AUGUST 5, 1955**

The delegation met in Room 307 at 10:30 A.M. and adjourned to 2:30 P.M. Present were Representatives Skinner, McAllister, Gardner, Miner, Metcalf, Atwood, Hart, Simoneau, Morin, Tilton, Burbank, O'Shan, Karagianis, Varrell and Rogers. Chairman Karagianis presided.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and seconded by Rep. Gardner, that the delegation be paid for attending the Budget Hearing on March 7, and that they be paid mileage for attending the April 7 Hearing on H. B. No. 475. It was so voted.

Rep. Rogers reported for the sub-committee appointed to study a new bookkeeping system for the Area and the County. (See Report) It was moved by Rep. Skinner, and seconded by Rep. O'Shan that the report be accepted and the recommendations of the report be carried out. It was so voted.

Rep. Rogers reported on the need for a new freezer locker at the Home made necessary by the closing of the Laconia Locker Plant in September. Discussion ensued.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and seconded by Rep. Metcalf that there be taken from the County's Capital Reserve Fund a sum not to exceed Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$3,500.00) for the purchase of and installation of a walk-in freezer at the County Home.

The roll was called and the fifteen members of the delegation present having voted "Yes," the motion prevailed.

It was moved by Rep. O'Shan, and duly seconded, that the Sub-Committee on the Freezer be directed to study the need of a

freezer locker and to approve the proposed installation before the freezer is purchased. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

Approved by  
PETER KARAGIANIS,  
Chairman

#### LACONIA, N. H. — OCTOBER 11, 1955

The Executive Committee met at the County Court House at 2 P.M. called to order by the chairman, Rep. Metcalf. Present were Representatives Metcalf, Tilton, Ballentine, Simoneau, Gardner and Atwood. Also present were Commissioners Sawyer and Stafford, and Mr. Baer, manager of the Area.

The budget figures were compared with expenses to date. Extra expense had been necessary in insurance. All departments were within the budget figures. Some seemed to be larger than expected, but others were smaller, so that the prospect of keeping within the total county budget was satisfactory.

The freezer locker has been installed at the Home, and other improvements completed. The Commissioners invited the executive committee to come to the Home next week and view the changes. Their invitation was accepted.

It was suggested that the figures as presented to the delegation's executive committee today, be sent out to all members of the delegation, for their information.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

A true copy attest:  
MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

#### LACONIA, N. H. — DECEMBER 14, 1955

The Executive Committee met at the County Court House at the request of the Commissioners, and were called to order by Chairman Metcalf at 2:15 P.M.

Present were Representatives Metcalf, Tilton, Simoneau, Karagianis, Gardner and Atwood. Also present were Commissioners Stafford, Sawyer and Smith.

Chairman Smith stated that the meeting was called for reallocation of appropriated funds within the budget. After discussion, it was discovered that the County Budget would be



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sufficient for needs, but that the Area had already received more than the \$100,000.00 that was estimated and appropriated in the Area Budget.

It was moved by Rep. Tilton, seconded by Rep. Gardner, that the Commissioners be authorized to use such amounts of surplus income, in the Area income, as are necessary to cover needed overdrafts for operating the Area. It was so voted.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09.

MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

A true copy attest:  
MARION H. ATWOOD,  
Clerk

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**BELKNAP COUNTY BUDGET FOR 1955**


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**Salaries of:**

Commissioners	\$4,500.00
Treasurer	500.00
Auditors	200.00
Solicitor	1,800.00
Sheriff	1,500.00

**Expenses of:**

County Officers	2,000.00
Register of Deeds	1,798.00
Register of Probate	1,450.00
County Solicitor	200.00

**Care and Supplies, Court House** 7,000.00

**Superior Court** 24,000.00

**Public Welfare:**

County Home	90,000.00
Poor off Farm	7,000.00
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00
Care of Children	13,000.00
Soldiers' Aid	9,000.00
Relief Administration	5,000.00
Office Expense	5,000.00

**Interest:**

On Bonds	481.25
On T-Bar Notes	1,135.00

**New Construction and Equipment:**

Court House Repair	2,000.00
County Home:	
Jail	500.00
Institution	3,600.00
Infirmary	2,500.00
Milk Tank	2,500.00
Law Library	500.00
Index, Register of Deeds	5,000.00

**Indebtedness:**

Bonds	7,000.00
Temporary Loans	60,000.00
T-Bar Notes	5,000.00

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**All Other Payments:**

Extension Service	10,051.46
Delegation Expense	500.00
Retirement System	1,500.00
Surplus Foods	2,500.00

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<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$288,715.71</b>
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<b>Estimated Revenue</b>	<b>141,137.34</b>
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<b>To be raised by Taxation</b>	<b>\$147,578.37</b>
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## COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

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In compliance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners of Belknap County present the annual report of the County Commissioners, Treasurer, Superintendent of the County Home and House of Correction, Manager of the Recreation Area, Clerk of Superior Court, Sheriff, Solicitor and Auditors for the year ending December 31, 1955.

During the year of 1955, many improvements have been made throughout the county without any increase in the budget.

### COURT HOUSE

The roof on the addition at the court house was in bad condition and it was necessary to have a new one put on. As an insurance against fire, much of the old wiring inside the court house had to be replaced. Resurfacing around the outside and front walk had to be done.

### COUNTY HOME

At the county home many improvements were made. In the infirmary all the old wiring was replaced and new fixtures installed. Painting was done throughout. A call system was installed for the convenience of the patients. This infirmary meets a great need in the county and it is very extensively used by private as well as welfare cases. The income derived from it each year fully justifies what expenditures are necessary in the way of improvements.

It was necessary to purchase a bulk storage tank for milk at the farm. Another major item which goes a long way towards paying for itself is the new freezer locker, which is used for the storage of surplus foods and many other items.

The Belknap County Home is in excellent condition and much credit should be given to the very efficient care taken by Superintendent and Mrs. Pickard. They cordially welcome visitors at any time who may wish to see for themselves what this institution has to offer in the way of service to the county.

### WELFARE AND RELIEF

The Welfare Department has had a very busy year. Mrs. Helen Hayner has done an excellent job in meeting the regular problems as well as the emergencies which have arisen during this period, while keeping the cost down to a minimum.

Direct assistance costs were higher in 1955 than aid granted to Soldier's and their families, the latter reflecting the increased employment in practically all lines of work. The fall and winter months bring regular increases in such aid costs which reflects seasonal unemployment and inclement weather is a serious factor for the outdoor worker.

Board and Care of Children continues to be a major problem. All agencies requesting increases in the amount of aid granted. Reimbursement on all such cases has grown increasingly difficult since most persons responsible for financial contributions continue their lack of parental responsibility.

Much time is involved not only in the necessary care of such children and families, guidance in trying to get parents as well as children to make a definite effort to face, and try to solve their many problems.

#### **REGISTER OF DEEDS**

By statutory requirements it was necessary to have a ten year index made in the Register of Deeds Office. This project was started July 1, 1955 and is now one third completed. It is hoped that some time in 1956 completion will be made.

#### **RECREATION AREA**

Under the efficient management of Fritzie Baer, the Recreation Area has had a very profitable year. Many improvements have been made, the cost of which being defrayed by earned income. The report by Mr. Baer and operating figures for the year are included elsewhere in this report.

During 1955, a new program was initiated at the Area which has enabled large numbers of students in the county to take advantage of the many opportunities offered.

Your commissioners wish to take this opportunity to thank all agencies and individuals who have assisted them in carrying out their work.

Signed:

JOSEPH F. SMITH  
MAURICE W. SAWYER  
WILLIAM I. STAFFORD

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION  
Concord, New Hampshire**

May 4, 1955

Board of County Commissioners  
Belknap County  
Laconia, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 344, Section 1, of the Laws of 1953, the annual examination and audit of the accounts of the Belknap County Recreational Area covering the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, has been made by the Division of Municipal Accounting of the State Tax Commission. Submitted herewith is the report of this audit including Exhibits as hereafter listed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Balance Sheet: (Exhibit A)**

A Balance Sheet showing current assets and current liabilities is presented in Exhibit A. A current surplus of \$14,591.16, as of December 31, 1954, is indicated therein.

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and Expenditures —  
Estimated and Actual Revenues: (Exhibits B & C)**

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, are presented in Exhibits B and C. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit C), a net revenue deficit of \$14,154.77, less a net unexpended balance of appropriations of \$12,347.38, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$1,807.39.

**Summaries of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit D)**

A summarized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the County Recreational Area for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954, is included in Exhibit D. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1954 is shown in Exhibit E.

**Profit and Loss Statement: (Exhibit F)**

A profit and loss statement for the fiscal year of 1954 is presented in Exhibit F. This indicates a transfer to surplus of \$1,202.03, as a result of the financial activity of the Recreational Area during the year.

**Statement of T-Bar Construction Account: (Exhibit G)**

A summarized statement of the T-Bar construction account is included in Exhibit G.



**Statement of Long Term Indebtedness: (Exhibit H)**

A statement of long term indebtedness incurred on account of the Recreational Area is contained in Exhibit H. Annual maturities of principal and annual interest requirements are indicated therein.

**GENERAL COMMENTS****Purchase record control:**

The adoption of a system of purchase record control is recommended. This can be accomplished through the use of purchase order forms made out in triplicate. The original copy would go to the vendor, the second copy to the bookkeeper at the County Commissioner's office and the third copy retained by the Area Manager. This procedure would provide a basis for the establishment of an accurate record of accounts payable.

**Separate recording of purchases:**

A separate classification should be made for purchases of goods for resale as distinguished from purchases of materials and supplies used in connection with the operation of the Area.

**Conclusion:**

We extend our thanks to the Area and County Officials and their office staffs for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER

Director

Division of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Norval D. Lessels, Accountant

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING  
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

**Concord, New Hampshire**

**May 4, 1955**

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**CERTIFICATE OF AUDIT**

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Belknap County Recreational Area for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1954. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the condition of the Area fund on December 31, 1954, and the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

**HAROLD G. FOWLER**

Director

**Division of Municipal Accounting  
State Tax Commission**

**Alan R. Matthews, Auditor**

**Norval D. Lessels, Accountant**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

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**BALANCE SHEET**

Assets	
Cash on hand	\$922.24
Capital Reserve:	
County Home Improvements	19,499.04
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	12,154.55
Other Assets:	
Recreation Area balance	7,450.67
County Home, petty cash account	200.00
Amount due Farm	10,020.64
Total Assets:	<hr/> \$50,247.14
Liabilities	
Capital Reserve:	
County Home Improvements	\$19,499.04
Recreation Area, Revolving Fund	12,154.55
T-Bar Notes, a/c Recreation Area	45,000.00
Bonds Outstanding:	
Belknap County Refunding 2¾%	14,000.00
Recreation Area balance	7,450.67
Total Liabilities:	<hr/> \$98,104.26
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (net debt)	47,857.12
Net Debt, December 31, 1954	53,423.29
Net Debt, December 31, 1955	47,857.12
Decrease of Debt	<hr/> \$5,566.17



**STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT  
OF BELKNAP COUNTY  
DECEMBER 31, 1955**

**SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES OF OUTSTANDING  
OBLIGATIONS**

**REFUNDING**

	1937	
	$2\frac{3}{4}\%$	
1956		\$7,000.00
1957		7,000.00
		<hr/> \$14,000.00

**PAYABLE AT THE NATIONAL SHAWMUT BANK  
40 WATER STREET, BOSTON, MASS.**

**T-BAR NOTES, ISSUED FOR PURCHASE AND  
ERECTION OF T-BAR AT RECREATION AREA**

**SHOWING ANNUAL MATURITIES**

1956 — Note No. 2, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	\$5,000.00
1957 — Note No. 3, Peoples Nat. Bank, Claremont	5,000.00
1958 — Note No. 4, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1959 — Note No. 5, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1960 — Note No. 6, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1961 — Note No. 7, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1962 — Note No. 8, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1963 — Note No. 9, Laconia Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
1964 — Note No. 10, Peoples Nat. Bank, Laconia	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<hr/> \$45,000.00

Interest payable November 21 and May 21, 2:25% in arrears.  
Principal payable May 21, \$5,000.00 annually.

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES RECREATION AREA — 1955

	Budget	Expended	Unexpended	Overdraft
<b>Administrative Expense:</b>				
Manager's Salary	\$7,150.00	\$7,343.92		\$193.92
Office Salaries	2,000.00	1,322.85	677.15	
Office Expense	500.00	847.10		347.10
Travel, Entertainment, Manager	900.00	875.54	24.46	
Advertising	5,500.00	5,847.29		347.29
Insurance & Taxes	4,000.00	5,766.29		1,766.29
<b>Operation &amp; Maint. Expense:</b>				
Tows	6,500.00	7,676.52		1,176.52
Restaurant	18,815.00	21,156.18		2,341.18
Dance Hall	2,500.00	1,467.26	1,032.74	
Gift Shop	3,700.00	5,918.26		2,218.26
Ski Shop & School	9,600.00	10,970.39		1,370.39
Special Events	2,000.00	1,025.94	974.06	
Gen. Maint. Expense	19,000.00	19,888.42		888.42
<b>Capital Outlay:</b>				
New Equipment	1,000.00	2,722.77		1,722.77
New Construction	1,200.00	955.70	244.30	
Replacement of Facilities	4,500.00	4,301.55	198.45	
T-Bar Notes & Interest	6,135.00	6,068.75	66.25	
<b>Total Budget</b>	\$95,000.00	\$104,154.73	\$8,217.41	\$12,372.14
				3,217.41
				\$9,154.73

## COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

1955

Salaries of:	Budget	Payments	Unexpended	Overdraft	Receipts
Commissioners	\$4,500.00	\$4,556.03		\$56.03	
Treasurer	500.00	500.00			
Auditors	200.00	200.00			
Solicitor	1,800.00	1,809.75		9.75	
Sheriff	1,500.00	1,500.00			
Expenses of:					
County Officers	2,000.00	2,288.27		288.27	
Reg. of Deeds	1,798.00	1,736.85	\$61.15		
Reg. of Probate	1,450.00	1,399.96	50.04		
Co. Solicitor	200.00	200.00			
Care & Supplies, Court House	7,000.00	6,577.87	422.13		\$38.12
Superior Court	24,000.00	27,564.23		3,564.23	
Public Welfare:					
County Home	90,000.00	94,666.56		4,666.56	61,996.26
Poor off Farm	7,000.00	8,554.78		1,554.78	546.67
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00	9,949.17			5,020.08
Care of Children	13,000.00	13,231.14	50.83		2,001.85
Soldiers' Aid	9,000.00	6,922.65		231.14	458.00
Relief Adm.	5,000.00	4,823.43	2,077.35		
Office Expense	5,000.00	4,679.64	176.57		
Interest:			320.36		
On Bonds	481.25	481.25			
On T-Bar Notes	1,135.00	(1,068.75)	66.25		
				Rec. Area	(1,068.75)

**New Construction and Equipment:**

Court House	2,000.00	2,735.30	735.30	
County Home:				
Jail	500.00	500.00		
Institution	3,600.00	3,561.93	38.07	
Infirmary	2,500.00	2,999.07		499.07
Milk Tank	2,500.00	1,968.40	531.60	
Law Library	500.00	365.00	135.00	
Index, Reg. Deeds	5,000.00	2,372.96	2,627.04	
<b>Indebtedness:</b>				
Bonds	7,000.00	7,000.00		59,250.00
Temporary Loans	60,000.00	60,000.00		Rec. Area (5,000.00)
T-Bar Notes	5,000.00	(5,000.00)		
<b>All Other Payments:</b>				
Extension Service	10,051.46	10,051.46		
Delegation Expense	500.00	298.75	201.25	
Retirement System	1,500.00	2,045.39		545.39
Surplus Foods	2,500.00	1,319.67	1,180.33	577.75
<b>Budget</b>	<u>\$288,715.71</u>	<u>\$292,928.26</u>	<u>\$7,937.97</u>	<u>\$12,150.52</u>
			T-Bar, Rec. Area	
				<u>\$129,888.73</u>
<b>Estimated Revenue</b>	\$141,137.34			<u>\$6,068.75</u>
<b>To be raised by taxation</b>	\$147,578.37		\$12,150.52	\$135,957.48
			<u>7,937.97</u>	
			\$4,212.55	
			Net overdraft	



### RECREATION AREA RECEIPTS — 1955

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Receipts:	Estimated	Actual
Tows	\$40,000.00	\$45,280.97
Restaurant (All Dept.)	30,000.00	30,854.08
Dance Hall, net & tax	3,000.00	1,505.30
Gift Shop	5,000.00	8,197.95
Ski Shop & School	14,000.00	17,201.71
Special Events	5,000.00	4,079.06
Rental, Dance Hall etc.	700.00	719.00
Juke Boxes, Coin Boxes, Camping, Firewood etc.	2,300.00	2,468.88
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	\$100,000.00	\$110,306.95
<b>Other Revenue:</b>		
Cash Surplus	\$11,298.45	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$111,298.45</b>	

### SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

**Description:**

**Land and Buildings:**

(a) Court House	\$50,000.00
(b) Jail	15,000.00
(c) County Home	50,000.00
(d) Recreation Area — land value	16,000.00

**Furniture and Equipment:**

(a) Court House	11,000.00
(b) Jail	1,900.00
(c) County Home	30,050.00
(d) County Infirmary	7,800.00

<b>TOTAL:</b>	<hr/> \$181,750.00
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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

### RECEIPTS

<b>Current Revenue:</b>	
*Taxes from Towns	\$150,966.66
Income from Institutions:	
County Home	61,996.26
Reimbursement for Support of Poor:	
Old Age Assistance	5,020.08
Direct Relief	546.67
Board and Care of Children	2,001.85
Soldiers' Aid	458.00
<b>Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:</b>	
Temporary Loans	83,965.62
Withdrawn from Capital Reserve:	
Freezer Locker (County Home)	3,500.00
Shore Lot Plans	121.65
All Other Receipts:	
Transfers from Rec. Area account	20,000.00
Refunds from Rec. Area, deductions, taxes, insurance etc.	5,393.17
Treasurer of U. S. office rent	587.49
Surplus Commodities payments	577.75
Blue Cross refunds	570.85
Superior Court, refunds and checks cancelled	38.12
Flood Control payments	118.65
Miscellaneous	4.20
<b>Total Receipts from All Sources</b>	<b>\$335,867.02</b>
Cash on hand January 1, 1955	6,567.34
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$342,434.36</b>
*Includes \$3,388.29, 1954 taxes paid in 1955	

### PAYMENTS

<b>Current Maintenance Expenses:</b>	
General Government:	
1. Salaries of:	
(a) Commissioners	\$4,556.03
(b) Treasurer	500.00
(c) Auditors	200.00
(d) Solicitor	1,809.75
(e) Sheriff	1,500.00

2. Expenses of:	
(a) County Officers	2,288.27
(b) Register of Deeds	1,736.85
(c) Register of Probate	1,399.96
3. Care and Supplies, Court House	6,577.87
Superior Court:	
4. Jury Payrolls	4,088.42
5. State vs. Payrolls	2,329.31
6. Referees and Masters	325.00
7. Counsel Fees	125.00
8. Stenographer etc.	3,571.96
9. Clerk of Court	10,139.59
10. Sheriff and Deputies	6,999.95
Public Welfare:	
11. County Home Expenditures	92,533.96
12. Jail Expenditures	2,132.60
13. Support of Poor not on Farm	8,554.78
14. Old Age Assistance	9,949.17
15. Board and Care of Children	13,231.14
16. Aid to Soldiers	6,922.65
17. Welfare Administration	4,823.43
18. Office Expense	4,679.64
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$190,975.33
Interest:	
19. Paid on Bonded Debt	\$481.25
Total Interest Payments:	\$481.25
Outlay for New Construction and Equipment:	
20. Court House	\$2,735.30
21. Jail	500.00
22. County Home (Institution)	3,561.93
23. County Home (Infirmary)	2,999.07
Total Outlay Payments:	\$9,796.30
Indebtedness:	
24. Paid on Temporary Loans	\$85,000.00
25. Paid on Principal of Bonds	7,000.00
26. Paid on Transfers from Rec. Area	20,000.00
Total Indebtedness Payments:	\$112,000.00
All Other Payments:	
27. Extension Service	\$10,051.46
28. Flood Control Payments	118.65

29. Employees' Retirement	2,045.39
30. Delegation Expense	298.75
31. Recreation Area, deductions etc.	5,329.71
32. Surplus Commodities	1,318.67
33. Blue Cross Payments	568.60
34. Plans for Shore Lots	121.65
Special Appropriations:	
35. Register of Deeds (index)	2,372.96
36. County Solicitor's Expense	200.00
37. Law Library	365.00
38. Milk Tank — County Home	1,968.40
39. Freezer Locker — County Home	3,500.00
<b>Total Payments for All Purposes</b>	<b>\$341,512.12</b>
Cash on hand at December 31, 1955	922.24
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$342,434.36</b>

## RECEIPTS

### COUNTY TAXES

Alton	\$9,868.56
Barnstead	3,288.05
Belmont	4,902.55
Center Harbor	3,118.33
Gilford	12,617.95
Gilmanton	3,975.76
Laconia	76,261.12
Meredith	15,355.53
New Hampton	4,918.79
Sanbornton	3,823.76
Tilton	9,447.97
Gilmanton, 1954 Tax	1,699.27
Sanbornton, 1954 tax	1,689.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,966.66</b>

### INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONS

County Home, Infirmary, etc.	\$61,996.26
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### REIMBURSEMENT, SUPPORT OF POOR

Cancer Commission, refund	\$5.00
Neighborhood Store, refund	15.00
Personal refunds	526.67
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$546.67</b>



**SOLDIERS' AID**

T. P. Cheney, Adm., a/c Glines Estate	\$438.00
Miscellaneous refunds	20.00
Total:	\$458.00

**REIMBURSEMENT, CARE OF CHILDREN**

Catholic Charities Inc., refund	\$28.75
Treasurer of U. S., social security	263.20
Probation Department, collections	240.00
Welfare Department, refunds	512.90
Personal Refunds	957.00
Total	\$2,001.85

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

J. A. Pickard, a/c County Home	\$3,780.71
State of N. H., refunds	1,181.62
Personal Refund	57.75
Total:	\$5,020.08

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS, BLUE CROSS, INSURANCE,  
ETC., PAID BY COUNTY AND REFUNDED**

Recreation Area	\$5,393.17
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**RECEIPTS OTHER THAN CURRENT REVENUE  
TEMPORARY LOANS**

Date issued:	Payable
February 21, 1955	December 21, 1955
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H.	
Note No. 262 — \$20,000.00, disc. \$250.00	\$19,750.00
Note No. 263 — 20,000.00, disc. 250.00	19,750.00
Note No. 264 — 20,000.00, disc. 250.00	19,750.00
May 20, 1955	December 20, 1955
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H.	
Note No. 265 — \$25,000.00, disc. 284.38	24,715.62
Total:	\$83,965.62

**TRANSFERS TO COUNTY ACCOUNT**

Recreation Area	\$20,000.00
Capital Reserve, Freezer Locker	3,500.00
Capital Reserve, Shore Lot Plans	121.65
Total:	\$23,621.65

**ALL OTHER RECEIPTS**

Blue Cross refunds	\$570.85
Court Orders No. 4858 and 5244, voided	23.12
Refund, cr Superior Court	15.00
Surplus Commodities, paid by Towns	577.75
Office Rent, cr. Court House	587.49
Miscellaneous	4.20
Total:	<hr/> \$1,778.41

**PAYMENTS****CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:  
SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS**

Commissioners:	
Joseph F. Smith	\$1,528.04
Maurice W. Sawyer	1,500.00
William I. Stafford	1,500.00
Walter A. Woodward	27.99
1954 Retirement and Blue Cross	
Treasurer:	
Byron O. Parker	500.00
Auditors:	
Dana S. Beane	100.00
J. Clinton Roper	100.00
Solicitor:	
Thomas P. Cheney	1,809.75
Sheriff:	
Homer L. Crockett	1,500.00
Total:	<hr/> \$8,565.78

**EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS**

Joseph F. Smith, travel and expense	\$157.06
Maurice W. Sawyer, travel and expense	179.49
William I. Stafford, travel and expense	171.23
E. O. Anderson, Photos	6.00
Boutin Agency, bonds	18.50
Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	39.00
Mrs. D. K. Clark, typing	16.00
A. P. Gerry, bonds	518.00
G. U. Horne Agency, bonds	293.75
Howell Business Service, County reports	474.60
Kiplinger Agency, subscription	18.00
Melcher & Prescott Agency, bonds	12.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	384.14
Total:	<hr/> \$2,288.27

**COURT HOUSE EXPENSE**

A. J. Akerstrom, decorating, (Presidents' visit)	175.00
Atlas Products Co., supplies	8.69
L. L. Baker, supplies	.50
Blue Cross, deductions	126.75
Bragdon Paint Co., supplies	95.27
R. Brough, loam	9.75
Champoux Machine Co., sharpening mower	10.00
Citizen Publishing Co., fuel bids	18.60
G. S. Copp, janitor	2,604.70
Country Store, supplies	3.70
Gale Insurance Agency, insurance	404.47
Gardner Fuel Service, fuel	1,129.57
Goodwin Paper Co., supplies	52.75
J. M. Guay Hardware Co., supplies	11.44
W. E. Harper, repairs	135.55
Hartford Accident & Indemnity Co., insurance	208.17
Laconia Furniture Co., supplies	17.96
Laconia Hardware Co., supplies	32.31
Laconia National Bank, deductions	220.50
Laconia Water Co., service	37.55
Lakes Region Feed & Supply Co., supplies	8.75
Luxor Lighting Products Co., supplies	94.21
L. & L. Engraving Co., signs	31.25
Munsey & Brazil Inc., insurance	132.78
A. H. Murray, supplies	22.44
Northern Heat. & Plumb. Co., repairs	90.45
L. M. Pike & Sons, plowing	27.00
Public Service Co., lights	491.17
Retirement System, deductions	236.90
G. B. Robbins Disinfecting Co., supplies	13.25
R. F. Shelley, sewer tax	20.73
So. Main Market, supplies	13.54
U. S. Sanitary Specialties, supplies	23.17
L. S. Weeks, trucking	44.00
D. D. Whittemore, vigoro	25.00
Total:	\$6,577.87

**REGISTER OF DEEDS**

R. A. Foss, printing	\$40.00
Goodwin Paper Co., supplies	88.00
Carl Larson, supplies	106.01
S. Lerman, printing	121.25
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	107.29
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
Meredith Publishing Corp., printing	20.75

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	163.50
Roger's Store, supplies	8.15
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	874.90
Royal Typewriter Co., typewriter	187.50
Total:	<hr/> \$1,736.85

**REGISTER OF PROBATE**

Boston Law Book Co., N. H. Digest	\$16.00
Cragg Bindery Inc., binding	152.04
Mrs. F. M. Doherty, stenog. fees	38.75
Carl Larson, supplies	203.82
S. Lerman, printing	245.25
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	209.65
Postmaster, stamps	107.75
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	407.20
Total:	<hr/> \$1,399.96

**SUPERIOR COURT  
JURY PAYROLLS**

Petit Jury:	
March term	\$2,114.42
October term	1,637.02
Grand Jury:	
March term	180.88
October term	156.10
Total:	<hr/> \$4,088.42

**"STATE VS" — PAYROLLS**

State vs Baron	\$35.00
Johnson	125.00
Jones and Shell	5.00
Morin	75.00
Smith	5.00
Miscellaneous	2,084.31
Total:	<hr/> \$2,329.31

**COUNSEL FEES**

J. W. Doherty, counsel fees	\$50.00
Jewett & Jewett, counsel fees	75.00
U. Samaha, master's fees	30.00
H. E. Trapp, master's fees	295.00
Total:	<hr/> \$450.00



**STENOGRAPHER, ETC.**

Frances M. Doherty, stenog. fees	\$193.30
Martha A. Forsberg, stenog. fees	110.00
Gertrude M. Johnson, stenog. fees	50.00
Paul A. Sheehan, stenog. fees	911.75
H. Aiken, express charges	3.04
American Law Book Co., Corpus Juris	20.00
Boston Law Book Co., law books	102.00
Lawyers' Co-operative Pub. Co., law books	81.00
Little Brown & Co., law books	135.00
L. J. Peabody Co., judge's chair	110.00
F. P. Shepard Co., Shepard's Citations	18.00
G. O. Shovan, Supreme Court Opinions	25.00
State of N. H., revised statutes	65.00
Treasurer of N. H., stenographers' salaries	1,742.62
Wright & Potter Print. Co., Mass., Reports	5.25
Total:	<hr/> \$3,571.96

**CLERK OF COURT**

Citizen Publishing Co., printing	\$890.20
Clark Press, printing	64.50
A. S. Healey, printing	26.67
Carl Larson, supplies	65.60
Maher's Bookstore, supplies	4.75
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
Meredith Publishing Corp., printing	20.00
L. E. Muran Co., supplies	24.45
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	354.60
Nighswander, Lord & Bownes, clerk's bond	25.00
Postmaster, envelopes and stamps	145.08
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	12.50
U. Samaha, acting clerk	351.45
Ted's Printing Service, printing	111.79
H. E. Trapp, clerk's account	8,000.00
G. C. True Co., illuminator	23.50
Total:	<hr/> \$10,139.59

**SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES**

L. Athanas, sheriff's fees	\$1,204.80
C. C. Bickford, sheriff's fees	291.30
H. L. Crockett, sheriff's fees	1,753.50
R. S. Crockett, sheriff's fees	2,958.65
G. H. Gault, sheriff's fees	324.00
S. J. Morin, sheriff's fees	25.20
W. Wallace, sheriff's fees	19.10

Maher's Bookstore, typewriter repair	31.37
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., service	307.20
Ted's Printing Service, printing	49.93
F. L. Tower Co., N. H. Register	15.40
Total:	\$6,999.95

**COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES**

(See Report of Superintendent of County Home)

Commissioners' orders drawn and paid by the Treasurer  
January 1 to December 31, 1955

Total:	\$94,666.56
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**PUBLIC WELFARE**

	Poor off Farm	Soldiers' Aid
Alton	\$325.21	\$20.50
Barnstead		737.31
Belmont	290.79	
Center Harbor		
Gilford		
Gilmanton		
Laconia	7,381.42	5,236.09
Meredith		454.46
New Hampton	65.83	
Sanbornton	467.53	
Tilton	24.00	474.29
Total:	\$8,554.78	\$6,922.65

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

County payments	\$9,949.17
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**BOARD AND CARE OF CHILDREN**

County payments	\$13,231.14
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**RELIEF ADMINISTRATION**

Investigator's salary	\$2,713.72
Investigator's expense	731.23
Clerk's salary	368.00
Blue Cross, deductions	88.40
Laconia National Bank, deductions	649.60
Retirement System, deductions	272.48
Total:	\$4,823.43

**OFFICE EXPENSE**

Bookkeeper's salary	\$3,057.90
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Clerk's salary	381.80
Blue Cross, deductions	44.20
Burroughs Corporation, service	18.00
Howell Business Service, supplies	23.50
Laconia National Bank, deductions	571.00
Carl Larson, supplies	3.08
H. A. Manning Co., directory	19.50
A. E. Martel Co., ledger sheets	42.59
Meredith Publishing Corp., printing	27.50
Postmaster, envelopes and stamps	140.08
Retirement System, deductions	330.70
C. C. Rogers Co. Inc., supplies	17.79
State Highway Dept., maps	1.00
State Planning & Development Comm., directory	1.00
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Total:	\$4,679.64

**INTEREST**

Paid on Bonded Debt:	
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.	
Issue of 3/15/37	\$481.25

**INDEBTEDNESS**

Paid on Bonded Debt:	
National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.	
Issue of 3/15/37	\$7,000.00
Paid on Temporary Loans:	
Laconia National Bank, Laconia, N. H.	
Notes Nos. 262, 263 and 264	\$60,000.00
Note No. 265	25,000.00
Paid on Transfers from Rec. Area	20,000.00
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Total:	\$112,000.00

**ALL OTHER PAYMENTS**

Delegation Expense:	
Mrs. E. B. Gardner, mileage and attendance	\$19.80
W. F. Metcalf	25.00
J. Ballantine	9.80
E. S. Tilton	16.20
A. W. Simoneau	16.20
P. S. Karagianis, Chairman	13.00
Mrs. M. H. Atwood, Clerk	56.40
R. H. Skinner	13.80
A. H. McAllister	13.00
W. T. Robertson	12.00
M. B. Hart	9.60
J. P. Rogers	3.40

A. H. Morin	6.60
H. I. Burbank	6.60
D. O'Shan	6.60
G. W. Varrell	7.20
J. B. Dana	7.20
J. F. Smith	10.80
H. T. Urie	5.60
J. E. Boutin	4.20
Citizen Publishing Co., ads for Delegation meeting	35.75
Total:	\$298.75
Extension Service, appropriation	\$10,051.46
Retirement System:	
County Share 7-1-54 — 12-31-55	\$2,045.39
Paid a/c Recreation Area:	
Payroll deductions	\$2,289.40
Retirement deductions	564.85
Blue Cross deductions	531.20
Fire insurance	808.93
Liability insurance	1,135.33
Total:	\$5,329.71
Shore Lot Expense:	
L. K. Perley Associates, plans	\$121.65
Surplus Commodities:	
Goodwin Paper Co., container	\$5.27
N. H. Frosted Foods, Inc., storage	351.94
State of N. H., surplus foods	961.46
Total:	\$1,318.67
Blue Cross payments, refunded	\$568.60

**SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS**

## County Home:

## Institution:

Belknap Home Improvement Co., supplies	\$38.55
Wm. Bellerose & Sons, chairs	120.00
T. P. Cheney, supplies, etc.	18.00
Country Store, supplies	10.22
M. M. Hawkins, labor and material	103.80
Hobart Dayton Sales Co., tenderizer	229.50
C. Jacques, furniture, etc.	80.00
Laconia Furniture Co., chairs & mattresses	137.75
Laconia Milling Corp., material	7.44
Lougee Robinson Co., mattresses & dishes	464.72



L. F. Mahady Co., equipment	25.00
Merr. Farm. Exch., material	185.83
C. R. Parsons, paint	73.24
Rhodes & Co., supplies	100.00
R. H. Smith Co., dish washer equipment	717.37
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	500.00
B. G. Walker, labor & material	750.51
Total:	\$3,561.93
Infirmery, new porch:	
Boulia Gorrell Co.	\$713.80
J. E. Boynton, contract	336.88
Diamond Match Co., material	106.48
C. R. Parsons, paint	22.88
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	39.81
B. G. Walker, radiators	271.60
Infirmery, equipment, etc.:	
Laconia Furniture Co., carpeting	20.48
Lougee Robinson Co., mattresses	74.00
E. F. Mahady Co., equipment	312.85
Rhodes & Co., sheets, blankets, etc.	609.29
Story Drug Store, Inc., equipment	91.00
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	400.00
Total:	\$2,999.07
Jail and House of Correction:	
Baker & Co., blankets	\$100.00
Laconia Furniture Co., chairs, mattresses	100.00
Lougee Robinson Co., mattresses	100.00
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	200.00
Total:	\$500.00
Register of Deeds (Index):	
C. P. Raymond, supervisor	\$424.00
C. P. Raymond, express charges	3.50
Mrs. A. Dubia, typing	817.20
R. A. Foss, printing	136.00
Goodwin Paper Co., index files, etc.	570.61
Laconia National Bank, deductions	182.40
S. Lerman, printing	38.00
C. C. Rogers Co., Inc., supplies	3.75
Underwood Corp., typewriter	197.50
Total:	\$2,372.96

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Court House Repair:

Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	\$49.60
L. M. Pike & Son, asphalt contract	357.00
Rodd Roofing Co., contract	1,144.00
Rodd Roofing Co., extra repairs	1,109.70
M. L. Tibbetts, wiring	75.00

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Total:	\$2,735.30
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## Law Library:

J. D. O'Neil, law books	\$365.00
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## Solicitors' Expense Account:

T. P. Cheney	\$200.00
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## Milk Tank, County Home:

Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	43.40
Philip Morin, tank contract	1,925.00

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Total:	\$1,968.40
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## Freezer Locker, paid from Capital Reserve:

Boulia Gorrell Co., material	\$65.39
Citizen Publishing Co., ads for bids	24.80
Diamond Match Co., material	9.90
Philip Morin, freezer unit	3,265.00
B. G. Walker, changing sprinklers	77.41
Wescott Concrete Corp., foundation	57.50

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Total:	\$3,500.00
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## Flood Control Payments:

Paid Town of New Hampton	\$52.48
Paid Town of Sanbornton	66.17

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Total:	\$118.65
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## TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners for the County of Belknap:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Belknap for the twelve months ending December 31, 1955.

### RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1955	\$6,567.34
Taxes from Towns	150,966.66
Income from Institutions	61,996.26
Reimbursement, Support of Poor	546.67
Reimbursement, Old Age Assistance	5,020.08
Reimbursement, Care of Children	2,001.85
Reimbursement, Soldiers' Aid	458.00
Receipts from Recreation Area:	
Deductions, taxes, insurance, etc.	5,393.17
Receipts other than Current Revenue:	
Temporary Loans	83,965.62
Transfer from Rec. Area	20,000.00
Transfers from Capital Reserve	3,621.65
All Other Receipts:	
Surplus Commodities, refunds	577.75
Blue Cross, refunds	570.85
Office Rent, cr. Court House	587.49
Superior Court, checks voided & refunds	38.12
Flood Control Payments	118.65
Miscellaneous	4.20
Total:	\$342,434.36

### PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' Orders	\$201,451.64
Funding Bonds paid	7,000.00
Interest on Bonds	481.25
Paid on Temporary Loans	85,000.00
Paid on Transfers from Rec. Area	20,000.00
Paid by Order of the Court:	
Jury Payrolls	4,088.42
State vs Payrolls	2,329.31
Counsel Fees	450.00
Stenographer etc.	3,571.96

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Clerk of Court	10,139.59
Sheriff	6,999.95
Total Payments	\$341,512.12
Cash on hand December 31, 1955	922.24
Total	\$342,434.36

Respectfully submitted,

BYRON O. PARKER,  
Treasurer

## RECREATION AREA OPERATION 1955

### Receipts:

Tows	\$45,280.97
Restaurant	30,854.08
Dance Hall — net	1,298.24
tax	207.06
Gift Shop	8,197.95
Ski Shop	17,201.71
Rentals	719.00
Special Events	4,079.06
Miscellaneous	2,468.88
Totals:	\$110,306.95

### Payments:

Tows	\$7,276.52
Restaurant	21,156.18
Dance Hall — net	1,244.60
tax	222.66
Gift Shop	5,918.26
Gen. Op. Expense	2,869.19
Gen. Maint. Expense	17,019.23
Construction and Repairs	4,359.75
Promotion and Travel	250.49
Office Expense	2,169.95
Salary, Manager	7,343.92
Expense, Manager	625.05
Special Events	1,025.94
Advertising	5,847.29
Equipment	3,620.27
Ski Shop	10,970.39
Insurance and Taxes	5,766.29
Principal and Interest	6,068.75
Totals:	\$104,154.73



Receipts	\$110,306.95
Payments	104,154.73
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Operating Profit	\$6,152.22
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1955	11,298.45
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Area Total	\$17,450.67
*Less Transfer to Revolving Fund	10,000.00
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Area Balance Dec. 31, 1955	\$7,450.67

BYRON O. PARKER,  
Treasurer

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\*See vote of County Delegation, May 9, 1955.

**BELKNAP COUNTY  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND AS OF JANUARY 1, 1956**

Name of Bank	Rate	Balance		Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	1956 Balance
		1955					
Iona Savings Bank	2½%	\$2,554.22			6-1-55 \$38.31 12-1-55 38.88 4-1-55 25.17 10-1-55 25.42 7-19-55 47.94 1-4-56 56.77		\$2,631.41 2,568.02 3,301.05
Lakeport National Bank	2%	2,517.43				7-19-55 +\$121.65	
Laconia Savings Bank	3%	3,196.34				10-28-55 +3,500.00	
City Savings Bank	3%	11,879.48	7-19-55 *\$2,400.00		7-1-55 178.19 1-1-56 162.54		10,998.56
TOTAL IN BANKS							\$19,499.04

\*Proceeds from Sale of Lots by County Commissioners

+Cost of Plans for Shore Lots by County Commissioners

‡Installation of Freezer Locker at County Home by County Commissioners

**BELKNAP COUNTY  
RECREATIONAL AREA REVOLVING FUND, JANUARY 1, 1956**

*City Savings Bank	3%	\$2,091.35	12-27-55	*\$10,000.00	7-1-55 1-1-56	31.37 31.83	\$12,154.55
TOTAL IN BANK							\$12,154.55

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

Byron O. Parker

Treasurer

\*See vote of Delegation 3/9/55

**COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1955

**BELKNAP COUNTY**

Please fill out this report, sign, and return to the *Division of Municipal Accounting, State Tax Commission, Concord, New Hampshire*, after audit is completed.

**County Treasurer's Account**

Balance on Hand — January 1, 1955	\$6,567.34	
Receipts — Period Ending Dec. 31, 1955	335,867.02	
Total	\$342,434.36	
Payments — Period Ending Dec. 31, 1955	341,512.12	
Balance — Dec. 31, 1955 As Per Cash Book		\$922.24
Balance in Laconia National Bank as Per Statement of December 31, 1955	\$6,544.30	
Less Outstanding Checks	5,622.06	
Reconciled Bank Balance — As of Dec. 31, 1955		\$922.24

**County Farm Superintendent's Account**

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution Period Ending Dec. 31, 1955	\$61,996.26	
Total Remittances to County Treasurer — Period Ending Dec. 31, 1955	61,996.26	
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — January 1, 1955	\$200.00	
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — December 31, 1955	200.00	

**Indebtedness — December 31, 1955**

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	None
Outstanding Long Term Notes	\$45,000.00
Outstanding Bonds	14,000.00
Bills Owed by County	None

**County Taxes Uncollected — December 31, 1955**

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None
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Signed      DANA S. BEANE,  
                  ROBERT G. HOLBROOK,  
                  County Auditors

January 19, 1956

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**BELKNAP COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT**  
**Belknap County Area Report — Year Ending Dec. 31, 1955**

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Cash Receipts on Hand January 1, 1955	\$15,867.35
Cash Receipts — Area 1-1-1955 to 12-31-1955	110,306.95
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Total	\$126,174.30
Payments — Area 1-1-1955 to 12-31-1955	\$108,723.63
Balance on Hand — 12-31-55	17,450.67
Transferred to Capital Reserve (Area Account)	10,000.00
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Cash Receipts on Hand — Balance 12-31-1955	\$7,450.67

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Balance in Laconia National Bank as Per Statement 12-31-1955	\$10,948.50
Less Outstanding Checks 12-31-1955	3,497.83
Reconciled Bank Balance as of 12-31-1955	7,450.67
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Total Balance on Hand 12-31-1955	\$7,450.67

**Area Manager's Account**

Total Receipts from Area 1-1-1955 to Dec. 31, 1955	\$110,306.95
Total Remittances to County Treasurer	\$110,306.95

Signed      DANA S. BEANE,  
              ROBERT G. HOLBROOK,  
                                  County Auditors

January 19, 1956

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Belknap County:

We are happy to submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 1955 for the Belknap County Home and Infirmary.

We have come to the close of another year and in retrospect we would like to present some of the more important phases of the institution's developments during the past year.

The Infirmary has operated to full capacity all through the year as evidenced by the census report of an average of 35.6 patients per day, of this number 95.4 are Welfare cases of all categories, the balance, self sustained persons. The majority of Welfare cases are persons who are unable to adjust themselves physically or mentally in homes, yet cannot be committed to a mental hospital, such cases adjust themselves very well in the Infirmary. We feel that a very definite need in Belknap County is being fulfilled by being able to offer such needed service to our aged and sick residents.

The financial report of the Infirmary has been gratifying, the receipts have exceeded the estimated revenue, the several categories serviced by the State of New Hampshire reflect the major portion of the income \$47,896.53, from all other sources \$14,099.73 making a total of \$61,996.26 receipts for the year, the months of Oct., Nov., and Dec. infirmary care due from the State of New Hampshire and other sources \$10,020.64 making a total revenue of \$72,016.90 for the year 1955.

Several improvements have been made throughout the institution, by special appropriations, requested by the Commissioners and authorized by the Belknap County Delegation, an enclosed Porch was built on the second floor, this adds much to the comfort and care of ambulatory infirmary patients, several pieces of furniture, chairs, bedside tables, bedding and mattresses were purchased. Emergency lights were completed, new wiring and fixtures were installed in part of the Infirmary and Institution. An Annunciator System was installed.

A Walk-in-Freezer was built which fills a long felt need, since the County Institution population has grown, much more produce of all kinds is needed, with the abundant fruits and vegetables crop, meats raised and processed on the farm, the Freezer was well stocked this year.

The farm had a productive year despite a late start due to much rainy weather. 538 bushels of potatoes per acre have been harvested and other crops accordingly. The hay crop has exceeded previous years. Our milking herd has had a most productive year. A Bulk Milk Tank was installed this year.



The increased interest indicated and the many kindnesses extended to the County Home by organizations, Churches, individuals, visiting groups, flowers, tray favors, entertainment by groups and individuals, especially do we wish to thank Laconia Lodge of Elks, Chertoks Laconia Furniture and other friends who contributed so generously towards the purchase of Television for the Aged and Ill persons at the Infirmary.

In closing our report we wish to express our sincere thanks to the very fine cooperation extended to us at all times by our board of Commissioners, our County Delegation, the Doctors, City and Town Officials, our Chaplains Rev. Thomas Cate and Rev. George Chicoine whose spiritual help and guidance has been most helpful to our patients and those less fortunate under our supervision. Our deep appreciation to all for the counsel and encouragement given us in carrying on the work of the institution.

Our thanks to all our faithful employees who have been so cooperative in the performance of their duties during the year, without their help this report would not have been possible.

Signed     JOHN A. PICKARD, Supt.  
              INA A. PICKARD, Matron

## COUNTY HOME RECEIPTS — 1955

Date	Board	Produce	Swine	Milk	Cattle	Misc.	Total
January	\$1,790.10		\$40.00	\$337.27	\$5.00	\$11.00	\$2,183.37
February	3,337.80			136.58	100.00	2.42	3,576.80
March	5,082.04			258.35	36.00	66.20	5,442.59
April	4,124.11	\$282.00	400.50	444.53	293.00	10.00	5,554.14
May	4,061.54	493.30	266.00	760.33	172.00	176.14	5,929.31
June	2,716.89	161.00	174.00	1,536.85	85.00	23.00	4,696.74
July	5,775.58			593.41	22.00		6,390.99
August	2,241.92		28.00	1,896.47	119.00	132.00	4,417.39
September	6,245.61			666.86			6,912.47
October	2,456.60			2,055.57		74.00	4,586.17
November	4,778.27			1,140.49		184.39	6,103.15
December	5,286.07			844.32	69.00	3.75	6,203.14
Total:	\$47,896.53	\$936.30	\$908.50	\$10,671.03	\$901.00	\$682.90	\$61,996.26

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**COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES****JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Labor</b>
January	\$220.00
February	240.00
March	240.00
April	240.00
May	137.80
June	148.60
July	150.00
August	150.00
September	150.00
October	150.00
November	150.00
December	156.20
Total:	<hr/> \$2,132.60

## FARMING

Date	Labor	Seed and Fertilizer	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	\$311.00		\$93.31		\$126.18	\$530.49
February	338.00		193.07		4.75	535.82
March	338.00	296.61	92.63	\$75.00	3.20	805.44
April	310.00		118.26		39.26	467.52
May	447.80	467.50	163.40	25.00	38.65	1,142.35
June	454.60	264.45	143.24	251.55	191.24	1,305.08
July	370.00	46.48	206.22	45.87	207.16	875.73
August	461.00		194.14		2.27	657.41
September	447.60		240.67		222.92	911.19
October	461.30	6.07	202.76		49.51	719.64
November	351.00		35.71	48.50	218.77	653.98
December	373.40		64.46		53.92	491.78
Total:	\$2,464.30	\$1,081.11	\$1,747.87	\$445.92	\$1,157.83	\$9,096.43

## DAIRY

Date	Labor	Feed	Supplies	Equipment	Other Expense	Total
January	\$82.90	\$519.17	\$10.41	\$14.91	\$19.00	\$646.39
February	87.20	499.02	22.73		31.21	640.16
March	87.20	509.64	5.27		60.82	662.93
April	97.30	466.63	4.10		31.75	599.78
May	101.20	462.03	5.35		99.25	667.83
June	103.40	677.22	4.36		19.97	804.95
July	100.00	402.87	2.10		141.40	646.37
August	100.00	348.18	82.65		61.67	592.50
September	121.20	673.96	71.04		49.93	916.13
October	124.20	674.98	126.31		7.60	933.09
November	120.00	511.34	20.44		76.03	727.81
December	120.00	366.75	12.48		30.89	530.12
Total:	\$1,244.60	\$6,111.79	\$367.24	\$14.91	\$629.52	\$8,368.06



## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PLANT

<i>Date</i>	<i>Labor</i>	<i>Provisions</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Health</i>	<i>Additions and Repairs</i>	<i>Fuel, Lt., Water, Power</i>	<i>Fixed Charges</i>	<i>Other Expenses</i>	<i>Total</i>
January	\$2,676.34	\$916.41	\$166.12	\$1,141.49	\$261.82	\$55.43	\$328.43		\$239.83	\$5,785.87
February	2,613.50	953.58	105.96	1,167.09	210.89	60.10	1,193.99		137.00	6,442.11
March	2,809.20	1,051.80	31.92	1,001.32	476.40	203.85	847.02	\$1,566.91	107.76	8,096.18
April	2,784.21	1,205.42	103.64	522.78	135.54	324.11	1,060.25	194.40	99.92	6,430.27
May	2,839.05	885.32	13.25	592.65	290.77	83.66	167.79		132.45	5,004.94
June	2,796.03	1,103.79	19.28	403.11	500.90	65.18	979.19	74.32	123.78	6,065.58
July	2,706.74	1,094.02	71.47	660.50	189.64	217.02	356.14		148.22	5,443.75
August	2,304.50	1,270.55	43.00	726.76	379.26	621.63	189.54		215.18	5,750.42
September	2,731.52	1,079.28	20.49	629.51	429.90	80.67	166.39	3,557.25	75.23	8,770.24
October	2,824.75	1,221.13	56.53	371.57	338.94	49.63	1,270.21		164.35	6,297.11
November	2,923.44	779.87	34.58	404.07	240.24	190.69	919.90		212.43	5,705.22
December	3,385.74	758.97	68.63	370.71	245.84	173.57	191.01		83.31	5,277.78
Total:	\$33,395.02	\$12,320.14	\$734.87	\$7,991.56	\$3,700.14	\$2,125.54	\$7,669.86	\$5,392.88	\$1,739.46	\$75,069.47

## COUNTY HOME EXPENDITURES — 1955

## SUMMARY

Date	Jail & House of Correction	Farming	Dairy	Operation and Maintenance	Total
January	\$220.00	\$530.49	\$646.39	\$5,785.87	\$7,182.75
February	240.00	535.82	640.16	6,442.11	7,858.09
March	240.00	805.44	662.93	8,096.18	9,804.55
April	240.00	467.52	599.78	6,430.27	7,737.57
May	137.80	1,142.35	667.83	5,004.94	6,952.92
June	148.60	1,305.08	804.95	6,065.58	8,324.21
July	150.00	875.73	646.37	5,443.75	7,115.85
August	150.00	657.41	592.50	5,750.42	7,150.33
September	150.00	911.19	916.13	8,770.24	10,747.56
October	150.00	719.64	933.09	6,297.11	8,099.84
November	150.00	653.98	727.81	5,705.22	7,237.01
December	156.20	491.78	530.12	5,277.78	6,455.88
Total:	\$2,132.60	\$9,096.43	\$8,368.06	\$75,069.47	\$94,666.56

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**INVENTORY — 1955**


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**PERSONAL PROPERTY BELKNAP COUNTY HOME**

Livestock	\$19,285.00
House of Correction	300.00
Jail Equipment	1,200.00
County Infirmary:	
Medical Supplies	1,700.00
Equipment	7,800.00
Women's Dormitories	3,100.00
Men's Dormitories	3,150.00
Two Kitchens (Equipment & Supplies)	10,600.00
Supt. Dept. Stock & New Clothing	3,500.53
Contents of Freezer Locker (County Home)	4,800.91
Basement & Contents	4,000.00
Farm Equip. (Machinery & Trucks)	9,000.00
Hay, Ensilage & Grain, etc.	8,000.00
Boiler Room & Contents	4,200.00
Coal on Hand	1,500.00
Sawed Wood on Hand	600.00
Fertilizer	200.00
Potatoes	1,500.00
Lumber	300.00
Vegetables	2,000.00
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	\$86,736.44

**LIVE STOCK AT FARM 1955**

1 Bull	\$450.00
35 Cows	12,250.00
4 Two Year Olds	635.00
13 Yearlings	2,475.00
12 Calves	1,800.00
4 Horses	800.00
9 Brood Sows	800.00
1 Boar	75.00
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	\$19,285.00

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Apples	500 Boxes
Beans	32 Bu.
Beets	65 Bu.
Carrots	75 Bu.
Corn	90 Bu.
Cabbage	950 Head
Greens	76 Bu.
Peas	47 Bu.
Potatoes	1500 Bu.
Tomatoes (Green & Ripe)	175 Bu.
Turnips	100 Bu.
Hay	250 Tons
Ensilage	220 Tons
Beef Dressed	5900 Lbs.
Cream used at Home	850 Qts.
Milk used at Home	1800 Gal.
Rhubarb	30 Boxes
Oats	400 Bu.
Wood used at Home	100 Cords
Wood sawed and piled	200 Cords

# STATISTICS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

January 1 to December 31, 1955

Residents at Home Jan. 1, 1955	50
Admitted during year	51
	<hr/> 101
Residents at Home Dec. 31, 1955	53
Died During Year	16
Discharged During Year	32
	<hr/> 101
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	<b>Weeks      Days</b>
Residents	505      4
Boarders and Patients	2,236      3
Prisoners in House of Correction	674      3
Prisoners in Jail	86      6
Held for Police Overnight	13      3
Employees and Visitors	1,850      2

## FARM COSTS

Total Expenditures 1955	\$94,666.56	
Inventory personal property		
Dec. 31, 1954	86,637.00	
	<hr/>	\$181,303.56
Total cash receipts 1955	\$61,996.26	
Accounts receivable	10,020.64	
Supt. petty cash	200.00	
Inventory Dec. 31, 1955	86,736.44	
	<hr/>	158,953.34
Balance against Farm		\$22,350.22
Weeks board furnished		1,280
Per Capita cost per week, not including boarders, employees and guests		\$17.46



**PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOUSE  
OF CORRECTION — 1955**

Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Baron, Normand	21	9	
Beaule, Francis E.	24	22	
Bickford, Kenneth L.	33	7	4
Bickford, Paul P.	27		1
Blake, Rachel	20		3
Brown, Raymond	42	7	5
Bruno, Asa	19	7	5
Campbell, William	23	10	2
Cartier, Robert	21	7	5
Cochran, Guy	29	2	3
Crawford, William	20		1
Currier, Arthur	37	3	4
Daly, Lewis A.	51	15	3
Demers, Phillip	20	10	5
Desautell, Robert C.	20	11	4
Devine, John P.	31	34	2
Dickinson, Robert	26	11	5
Dufault, Wilfred	21	11	1
Duval, Joseph H.	20	8	3
Emerson, William P.	18	3	6
Fallstich, Jennie	25	5	1
Ferry, Ernest W.	49	3	6
Fifield, William	30	8	2
Foster, John C.	46	11	4
Frazier, Paul	20	11	4
Gerouard, Melina	49	4	
Goupie, Phillias	32	22	3
Gray, Clifford	21	14	6
Grenier, Aurelier	49	3	5
Hants, Wilbur J.	52	7	5
Hodgdon, Francis	21	3	3
Hoffman, Paul	40	11	4
Howe, David P.	27	11	4
Huard, Raymond	21		9
Jenna, Irving C.	38	10	1
LaBrie, Joseph R.	49		1
Lamontagne, Henry	21	1	3
Manning, Thomas J.	26	34	2
McClary, Horace	34	25	5
Milhorn, Henry E.	39	1	3
Montambeault, Francis R.	22		1
Morin, Albert	21	30	6
Morin, Paul	28	4	2

O'Keefe, Felix	47	3	6
Parris, Joseph	20	1	3
Payette, Alfred J.	48	11	4
Peavey, Charles	22	6	2
Prescott, Frank	33	19	
Quinn, Harold	40	11	4
Rollins, Calvin	18	26	
Santos, Joseph	33	7	1
Senior, Walter M.	37	3	6
Sharkey, John	46	10	5
Shute, Robert W.	18	18	3
Smith, Clifton	36	11	2
Smith, Lawrence	21	1	1
Stewart, Charles	54	3	6
St. Jacques, Onesine M.	45	7	5
Twombly, Clarence	62	13	6
Vallier, George	20	7	5
Valois, Charles	60	7	5
Vermette, Ernest E.	49	16	5
Wadsworth, Lowell	34	5	3
White, Danial	61	13	
White, Franklin	44	18	1
Williamson, Thomas	69	19	2
Wood, Fred W.	52	10	5
Wyatt, George	28	2	3

### DEATHS AT BELKNAP COUNTY INFIRMARY DURING 1955

Name	Date	Age
Blaisdell, Roscoe	December 5, 1955	78
Butterfield, Mary L.	July 6, 1955	85
Crawford, Emma C.	August 24, 1955	77
Draper, Willis H.	April 17, 1955	90
Fogg, Florence	August 23, 1955	56
Gilman, Levi	September 10, 1955	79
Greenlay, J. W.	August 2, 1955	76
Jacobs, Maud E.	September 28, 1955	66
Jacques, Louis	October 18, 1955	84
Knowles, Angie	December 30, 1955	92
LaFlamme, Joseph	March 22, 1955	67
Nadeau, Napoleon	May 19, 1955	84
Richardson, Ina	December 30, 1955	84
Smith, Hattie J.	July 5, 1955	90
Wallace, George W.	September 16, 1955	75

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**RESIDENTS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME  
1955**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Days</b>
Atkerson, Rodney	75	52	1
Brown, Willie	59	52	1
Clark, Irlene	41	52	1
Cramp, Lorraine C.	15	1	
Cruickshank, Richard	32		
Currier, James L.	45	52	1
Estelle, Roger	1½		5
Estelle, Ruth	26		5
Faford, Joe	68	52	1
Heinzerling, Arthur F.	52	19	2
Hill, Forest	64	25	6
Johnson, Mabel	64	52	1
Maxfield, Charles	68	25	5
Newman, Harold D.	67	15	1
Teriac, Camile	64	52	1
Valois, Charles	61	31	3
Wortman, Bernard	60	20	4

**PRIVATE PATIENTS AND PAID BOARDERS  
(O.A.A. INCLUDED) AT BELKNAP COUNTY  
INFIRMARY FOR YEAR 1955**

Name	Where From	Age	Weeks	Days
Aiken, Leslie		73	3	2
Andrews, Angie May	Lakeport	82	15	
Atwood, William H.	Lakeport	86	52	1
Bacon, Henry F.	Laconia	77	8	3
Bearce, Luella	Belmont	83	52	1
Billings, Fred F.	Sanbornton	76	52	1
Blair, Harry A.	Milton	65	10	6
Blaisdell, Roscoe		78	16	
Boyd, Florence	Alton	80	14	1
Breer, James	Laconia	76	52	1
Brown, George B.	Tilton	63	18	4
Burke, Fred	Laconia	78	19	
Butterfield, Mary L.	Belmont	85	26	5
Callahan, John	Meredith	57	10	4
Chesley, Charles F.	Alton	81	11	2
Collard, Peter	Meredith	84	48	1
Cramp, Lorraine	Barnstead	15	1	
Crawford, Emma C.	Tilton	77		3
Daigneault, Alida	Tilton	72	14	5
Davie, Eva	Tilton	61	52	1
Davis, Mary L.	Gilford	81	5	4
DeBlois, Alice	Laconia	80	52	1
Draper, Willis H.	Laconia	90	1	6
Farrar, Charles B.	Laconia	75	44	4
Fogg, Florence	Laconia	56	33	4
Foster, Grover	Northfield	70	21	4
Frazier, George	Belmont	81	2	4
Gilman, Levi	Alton	79	2	1
Gordon, Ellie M.	Laconia	90	41	1
Greenfield, Emma	Sanbornton	65	9	4
Greenlay, J. W.	Concord, Mass.	76	4	
Greenleaf, Wilber	Belmont	93	4	1
Guy, Walter	Gilmanton	71	52	1
Hanlon, Henry	W. Thornton	77	52	1
Hardy, Bernard T.	Lakeport	75	52	1
Heinzerling, Arthur F.	Laconia	52	19	2
Herbert, Leroy	Laconia	62	50	6
Hescock, Hugh M.	Laconia	61	1	5
Higgins, Milo	Sanbornton	83	52	1
Hill, Forest	Laconia	64	12	4

Name	Where From	Age	Weeks	Days
Hughes, Pansy	Laconia	65	34	
Jacobs, Maud E.	Franklin	66	17	1
Jacques, Charles J.	Laconia	74	7	6
Jacques, Daisy L.	Laconia	71	7	6
Jacques, Louis	Laconia	84	41	4
Johnson, Bernice	Gilford	77	11	2
Kelley, Fernal	Barnstead	55	2	
Kelley, Myra L.	Wiers	72	33	3
Kirk, Frank N.	Laconia	74	52	1
Knowles, Angie	Northfield	92	52	
LaFlamme, Joe	Laconia	67	11	4
Lamprey, Ernest	Laconia	69	52	1
Landry, Alcide	Laconia	77	52	1
Lawrence, Olive	Laconia	76	12	1
LeCour, Ernest	Laconia	64	18	4
McColl, Archibald	Laconia	77	5	4
McColl, Lydia	Laconia	79	6	4
McIntire, Lillian	Laconia	83	52	1
McLellan, Eva M.	Laconia	56	15	1
Moore, John H.	Laconia	76	44	4
Morin, Edward P.	Laconia	73	14	1
Nadeau, Napoleon	Laconia	83	18	
Nelson, Sarah	Laconia	85	22	4
Patten, Bernice	Concord	54	31	1
Puffinburger, Henry D.	Laconia	94	52	1
Ramsdell, Fannie	Island Pond, Vt.	86	26	6
Richards, William T.	Laconia	64	10	2
Richardson, Ina	Laconia	84		1
St. Peter, Ada	Laconia	62	52	1
Sanborn, Myrtie	Laconia	85	51	
Sayward, Mary J.	Laconia	80	27	2
Sederquist, A.	Lynn, Mass.	78	2	6
Shaw, Earl	Meredith	59	45	
Sinclair, Ada L.	Meredith	89	52	1
Smith, Edna M.	Gilford	70	30	6
Smith, Hattie J.	Laconia	90	5	3
Stevens, Lillian	Laconia	85	20	2
Stevens, Ralph C.	Laconia	68	35	
Stokes, Stephen M.	Laconia	5	44	1
Tardiff, Napoleon	Laconia	78	47	5
Valois, Charles	Laconia	61	31	3
Wallace, George W.	Laconia	75	32	5
Watson, Charles H.	Gilford	84	5	5
Young, Carrie B.	Laconia	88	52	1
Young, Diane	Laconia	16		5



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**PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL—1955**

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Name	Age	Weeks	Days
Bickford, Kenneth L.	33		2
Chamberlain, Charles	27	7	
Cochran, Guy	29	4	5
Darker, Guy	57	14	1
Desautell, Robert C.	20	7	3
Dempsey, Joseph R.	22	3	3
Devine, John P.	31	3	3
Emerson, Harold B.	29	2	6
Foster, John	30	1	
Fowler, Walter F.	40	2	4
Jones, David	22	12	5
Manning, Thomas J.	26	3	3
McDaniels, Wallace A.	22		1
Morin, Paul	28	13	2
Robinson, Herbert W.	23		2
Rogers, John	35	2	1
Ryan, James L.	33	2	3
Senior, Mavis K.	37		1
Shell, Robert	17		3
Wilson, Charles T.	27		1
Wolfgram, Richard	28		1
Wyatt, George	28	4	5

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## REPORT OF DIRECTOR BELKNAP RECREATION AREA

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I am pleased to present to the Belknep County Commissioners and the people of Belknep County my report of the Belknep Area for the year 1955.

We at the area were highly honored in 1955 by having as our guest the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower. I am sure the people of Belknep County are very proud of the occasion, and that it will be remembered by all.

Our long range program set out by your manager with the aid of the Belknep Ski advisory board of which James Rogers is Chairman has brought out results that have greatly benefited the area.

On Stone Bar the trail is now being used by many more novices due to the service of this trail by the T-Bar, the following work has been done as a safety measure for the novice skier: Widened, raked, and seeded the first left turn at the top. Skiers who check there are no longer blocking 50% of the trail as they were in the past.

Doubled the width of the trail about half way down.

Moved large boulders.

Widened trail just above the cut-off into Phelps.

### **T-BAR LINE**

We are very happy to tell you of the success of our seeding on the newly developed T-Bar line. While bulldozing this, we left additional soil so that we could rake in any water runs that occurred in the Spring. With additional fertilizer and more seeding, it now is a line that can be utilized on a few inches of snow.

Emergency safety switches now mounted on the operators building at the top so no steps on his part are required to stop the T-Bar in an emergency.

### **FLETCHER HALE**

A new entrance has been cut about 20' above the original one. About 20-25 feet in width. A skier can now utilize all of the trail. Below this new cut-off the trail has been brush cut, rock picked and hayed in spots so it can be skied on about five (5) inches of snow. The remainder of Fletcher Hale has a good growth of grass resulting from last year's bulldozing, raking, and seeding. Gulleys, predominating after last year's hurricanes, have been filled in and hayed.

**TRY-ME**

Try-Me is again a problem on the upper ledges and we hope that within a year or two we may be able to bring additional soil from the bottom to cover much of the ledge outcropping.

The blind, narrow spot at the very bottom has been eliminated by cutting down and trimming trees, and a new wider bridge has been put in. The approach to the bridge has been graded. It is now much safer for the novice skier.

**BEGINNERS TOW LINE AND SLOPE**

The tow has been moved to the old practice slope to give beginners an easier tow line and a much gentler slope. Lower terminal has been painted and roofed. This is powered by tractor. Old beginners hill can now be used for toboggans.

**VIKING**

The out run has been graded and seeded with a good growth of grass showing. A drainage ditch has been put from Phelps tow line all the way across to the bottom of Viking to eliminate the wet and icy spot.

**PHELPS**

Put in a drainage ditch at the top of the slope to keep the water off. Bulldozed, raked and seeded a section below ditch in order to be smoother. This also works in with our Summer Program. Good growth of grass coming.

**60-METER JUMP**

A check for \$1,156.00 was turned over to the hospital by the N.E.M.D.A. The only charge the Belknap Area had in this operation was the cost of seed and additional loam to put it in better shape than before.

In regard to the financial status of the area, it is my opinion that it was a banner year. Balance as of January 1, 1955 was \$11,298.45 with an inventory of \$9,368.82. Our balance ending December 31, 1955 was \$7,450.67 with an inventory of \$11,399.39.

During the year \$10,000.00 was put in to the revolving fund. Also, \$5,000.00 was paid on the T-Bar. The total receipts for 1955 were \$110,306.95 as compared to \$80,345.23 in 1954.

We are very happy to present to the belknap County Officials the above report. After five years as manager of the Area we still believe that we can gross, with proper conditions, \$125,000.00. The summer business has increased tremendously and we are gradually extending the Area into longer seasons with additional groups and events. Thousands of dollars have been put back into the Area in the improvements and every season we are getting larger and larger. The \$17,734.47 in cash and inventory

made during the banner 1955 season, gives us a well rounded stock inventory, more equipment purchases out of **earned income** and a cash balance now in Belknap's revolving fund and cash balance of \$19,450.67.

In conclusion may we thank all of the groups, including our well known Belknap Ski Patrol, who have worked and helped us during the past year.

FRITZIE BAER, Manager  
Belknap Recreation Area

**REPORT OF THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT  
BELKNAP COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT**

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**ACCOUNT OF HARRY E. TRAPP, CLERK****January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955****Charges Against County:**

1. Fees Chargeable to County, Mittimus, Capias, etc.	\$27.40
Commitments	.....
Probation Certificates	.....
Divorce Records	9.75
41 State entries @ 30c	12.30
2. Permanent Records	.....
3. Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	8,100.00
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Total Charges	\$8,149.45

**Credits to County:**

1. 400 Entries @ 90c (Civil, Equities and Appeals)	\$360.00
2. Fines and Costs	49.60
3. Sales of Dockets	94.00
4. Miscellaneous Credits to County	.....
5. Fees Chargeable to County	49.45
6. Clerk's Allowance and Clerical Hire Paid	7,596.40
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Total Credits	\$8,149.45



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## COUNTY SOLICITOR'S REPORT

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Belknap County Commissioners:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my third annual report as County Solicitor.

During 1955 no civil actions were brought against Belknap County. In several instances money was recovered for the County including one matter where your Solicitor was appointed administrator of an estate on a creditors petition brought by the County Commissioners. A serious civil suit was avoided motorcycle weekend when an uninsured county owned truck was involved in an accident, but mutual releases were procured without payment of money. Subsequently insurance coverage was reviewed and all county vehicles are now insured. During the year another county truck was stolen and recovered and the person assumed to have stolen the truck was bound over for the 1956 March Term of the Grand Jury and then committed to the State Hospital for observation. The Commissioners and the delegation have kept the Solicitor fully informed on all matters which might involve a legal problem and have been most cooperative at all times. I wish to especially thank the Commissioners for the constant help of Helen Hayner. Her knowledge of the people that are involved in the various welfare problems that come before your Solicitor is invaluable.

During 1955 there was a sharp decrease in the number of criminal items before the Superior Court, there being only twenty. On the other hand, there was a marked increase in matters before the municipal courts. This was especially true in two classifications — driving under the influence of liquor and juvenile cases. The equivalent of over one percent of the licensed drivers in the County were charged with driving under the influence of liquor (actually many of those charged did not live in this county and no figures are available for those living here charged in other jurisdictions). This high number, more than one hundred and twenty, is an all time high, and is, in relation to the number of licensed drivers, much higher than in other parts of the state. This is not because of a greater number of drunken drivers, but because of better enforcement and the policy of no fixes. In all the cases presented in this classification, only one was found not guilty and only two appealed. In both appeal cases the original conviction was upheld. In 1955 intoxication was not involved in any where near as many accidents as in previous years. This all goes to prove that good enforcement followed up by vigorous prosecution can have its

effect. In juvenile matters there is a growing need for a way to make those in charge of children more responsible for the acts of the children.

Throughout the year Sheriff Homer Crockett remained active in criminal investigation. Your Solicitor deeply appreciates the fact that when illness curtailed his activities, he, at considerable personal financial sacrifice to himself, chose to give up the civil rather than the criminal work. Such a high degree of faithfulness, even in government service, deserves more than the humble appreciation I can express.

Throughout the year your Solicitor has been greatly assisted by the Sheriff's Department, Corporal McKeagney and others of the State Police, the local police of this County and various departments of the state government and federal government. Probation Officer Ralph Hutchins has been given an office in the Court House which is greatly beneficial. I am pleased to note that the Laconia Police Commission saw fit to reward Paul Swenson with a promotion and that as a mark of respect for the fine men of this force, Charles Dunleavey, their Chief was made President of the New England Association of Chiefs of Police.

During the year the President of the United States came to Belknap County and Sheriff Crockett took charge of his safety while he dined and spoke at the Area. As a footnote to history, this was one of the few dinners ever eaten by a President with a County Medical Referee in close attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS P. CHENEY,  
County Solicitor

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**SHERIFF'S REPORT**

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To the Citizens of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1955.

**MARCH TERM**

Homer Crockett	
56 days attendance and expenses	\$597.20
George Gault	
24 days attendance and expenses	311.00
Lou Athanas	
32 days attendance and expenses	326.40
Rodney Crockett	
31 days attendance and expenses	381.00
Rev. Barton Clark	5.00

**OCTOBER TERM**

Homer Crockett	
60 days attendance and expenses	\$614.80
George Gault	
1 day attendance and expenses	13.00
Lou Athanas	
28 days attendance and expenses	284.80
Chester Bickford	
20 days attendance and expenses	246.20
Rodney Crockett	
25 days attendance and expenses	335.70
Rev. J. Clinton Haliday	5.00

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. CROCKETT,  
Sheriff

**REPORT OF CHAPLAINS**

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**BELKNAP COUNTY HOME, ON WORK FOR YEAR 1955**

February 2, 1956

To the Commissioners:

The work carried on by the Chaplains at the Belknap County Home is of vital importance. I would commend those who make it possible and who cooperate so well in this ministry.

The Protestant Chaplain has conducted a religious service each month with a meditation on a Bible text or theme included at each. Regular visitation to the members of the Home has been carried on in addition to the Sunday Service. Special visits have been made to those confined to their rooms by age, illness or other infirmity. Those hospitalized at the Laconia Hospital have been visited. In all these activities the Spiritual emphasis is considered to be primary.

Appreciation is hereby extended to Mr. and Mrs. Pickard and their staff for their efficient work carried on with such kindness and sympathy, to the Commissioners and to all concerned in this important service.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. CATE,  
Protestant Chaplain  
February 4, 1956

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Belknap County Commissioners:

Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit our report concerning the work we did as Catholic Chaplain at the Belknap County Home and Jail for the year ending December 31, 1955.

As agreed upon, Mass was celebrated at the Home once a month. Confessions and communions were administered also at the same time to all those who wished to avail themselves of the privilege whether they were able to come to the room where mass was celebrated or whether they were confined to their own room. At all religious services a spiritual talk was given to all persons present. The old and sick were given the consoling sacrament of Extreme Unction.

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Rosaries and medals have been freely given to those who had none. Those persons confined to their room were also visited regularly as well as those going to the Laconia Hospital. During the month, other visits were made to those who needed more spiritual guidance and care whether they were at the Home or confined in the Jail.

I wish to add once more that it is always a privilege and a pleasure to work with Superintendent Mr. John Pickard, with his wife Matron Mrs. Ina Pickard and with any person of his staff. Their cooperation and consideration make our work much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. JOSEPH E. VACHON,  
Catholic Chaplain



## REPORT OF THE BELKNAP COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

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### DID YOU KNOW . . .

That the University of New Hampshire and the United States Department of Agriculture are as close to you as the distance from your home to the County Extension Service office in Laconia?

That this means that many resources are locally available for you and your family for the asking?

That the **Extension Service** today is designed not only to assist farm people, but to give help also to rural non-farm and city people as well.

That the past year your local radio station, WLNH at Laconia, has broadcast six days each week at 11:55 A.M. "Our Land and Home." This is a program by local Extension Service Agents supplying news and information of interest in the fields of:

AGRICULTURE  
HOME ECONOMICS  
YOUTH  
FORESTRY

That one or more of these four topics is involved in the every-day living of every family in Belknap County?

That one of the aims of the Extension Service is to help families help themselves to a better living?

That the purpose of this report is to help the people of the county to understand the services available from the Belknap County Extension Service?

### COMBINED REPORT — ALL AGENTS

Points of major emphasis on a national, state and county basis the last year or two are:

Farm and Home Counseling  
Marketing  
Public Policy and Information

Shift to such emphasis has developed because of many trends and because it is felt that Extension Agents can **more effectively help people help themselves to a better living** along such lines.

### FARM AND HOME COUNSELING

Over the years much Extension work has been done on an individual problem or project basis. The specific problem in

Agriculture, Home Economics, Youth or Forestry was handled by the Agent concerned as a separate, unattached problem on an "ailment-prescription" basis. Today any individual problem is affected by, and in turn affects, the whole picture of the family concerned.

Therefore, of special interest today are such items as:

**Family Resources:** finances, land, buildings, equipment, labor, farming and family know-how and ability?

**Family Aims and desires for the future** (short time and long time)?

**Family plans** to get where it wants to go?

**What alternatives exist?**

**What progress is being made toward goals?**

Since any of these items or all of them may be continually changing, Farm and Home Counseling appreciates the need for continually making decisions with the whole picture in mind.

Some Farm and Home Counsel work has been accomplished this year by individual Agents, and by the cooperative work of two, three, and four Agents. In the latter case, the families worked with had Agricultural, Home Economic, and forestry problems, and youth of 4-H age. Each of these affect the welfare of the family as a unit.

### MARKETING

Emphasis on marketing has been in the direction of:

**Marketing from the Farms** of various farm crops and products by the Agricultural and 4-H Agents, and by the County Forester.

The pros and cons of **farm bulk milk tanks** constituted a new problem this year in milk handling and marketing.

**Food Retailer Marketing** programs took place with the Agricultural and Home Demonstration Agents cooperating with a county retailers committee.

**Consumer Education Work** was carried on among hundreds of families in Belknap County by the Home Demonstration Agent.

### PUBLIC POLICY AND INFORMATION

Each Extension Agent is trying to keep the general public better informed in his line of work. This is accomplished through the media of circular letters, news releases, public meetings, radio programs, and any other means available to reach numbers of people. The daily radio program on WLNH Laconia, previously mentioned, is an effort in this direction.

### MORE PEOPLE REACHED

As a result of this three-fold emphasis on **Farm and Home Counseling, Marketing, and Public Information**, a greater number of county residents are being reached by the Belknap County Extension Service than ever before, and the percentage of **non-farm** people reached is at an all-time high.

Emphasis on the above three topics has not in any way reduced the overall fields of responsibility of each of the County Extension Service Agents. This is one factor which has necessitated the employment of additional Extension Agents throughout the United States the last two years. With the emphasis, however, it is felt that present Agents can more effectively and efficiently help people help themselves to a better living.

### COMBINED STATISTICS — ALL AGENTS

Farm and Home Visits	960
Personal and telephone calls	2827
Radio broadcasts	319
Television shows	4
Meetings	356
Attendance at meetings	8341
Bulletins distributed	10769
Circular letters	175

### COUNTY EXTENSION STAFF

Horace C. Ballard	County Agricultural Agent
(Mrs.) Harriet C. Turnquist	Home Demonstration Agent
Charles A. Proctor	4-H Club Agent
Roger S. Leighton	County Forester
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Velna Tomlinson	Office Secretary
(Successor to Rita Douphinette in Sept.)	
Annie Swenson	Assistant Office Secretary





